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SUBJECT: EC-9 DECLARATION ON MIDEAST

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THE EC-9 WERE TO MAKE THIS STATEMENT AT THIS TIME. THE
FRENCH ARE ADDING THAT THEY ARE OPPOSED TO SUCH A
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BEING DESCRIBED, IN ESSENCE, AS AN AMERICAN INITIATIVE.

2. BAR-ON ADDED THAT HE HAS HEARD ESSENTIALLY THE SAME

STORY FROM AMERICAN CONTACTS IN WASHINGTON WHO CLAIM TO HAVE HEARD IT FROM THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE. BAR-ON ASKED FOR OUR COMMENT ON THE STORY.

3. VELIOTES REPLIED THAT THE STORY IS NOT REPEAT NOT TRUE.

HE CONFIRMED THAT SOME WEEKS AGO WE HAD BEEN CONTACTED REGARDING A PROPOSED EC-9 STATEMENT AND OUR REPLY WAS SUBSTANTIALLY THAT THIS IS EC-9 BUSINESS. BAR-ON COMMENTED THAT SUCH A NON-COMMITTAL RESPONSE WAS, AT A MINIMUM, BEING INTERPRETED AS AMERICAN SUPPORT AND COULD EXPLAIN THE FACT THAT SOME EC-9 MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY THE FRENCH, MIGHT BE WILLING TO BELIEVE THAT THIS WAS AN AMERICAN INITIATIVE. VELIOTES REPLIED THAT WE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR OTHERS MISINTERPRETING OUR POSITIONS IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THIRD PARTIES. BAR-ON DID NOT CONTEST THIS, AND ADDED THAT THE GOI WAS IN TOUCH WITH EC-9 MEMBERS TO TRY TO GET SUCH A STATEMENT TURNED OFF. CHRISTOPHER

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